

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

Claims 16-18, 49-53 and 55 are requested to be cancelled. Claims 1-15 and 20-46 previously were canceled. Therefore, after entrance of this amendment, claims 19, 47, 48 and 54 are now pending.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 19, 47, 48 and 54. While Applicant does not agree with the rejections raised against claims 16-18, 49-53 and 55, in order to expedite prosecution of the current application these claims are canceled. Applicant explicitly reserves the right to present the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent applications and to refute the Examiner's rejections of claims to such subject matter.

Applicant submits that cancellation of claims 16-18, 49-53 and 55 renders all rejections of record moot. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers

submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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